has synthetic Vitamin-A. Under Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, only organic food items such as Khichdi, bread, biscuit, food items made from jaggery etc. are used for distribution among children, pregnant and lactating mothers. However for prophylactic purposes, children in the age group of 9 months to 3 years are given five doses of Vitamin-A at six month intervals under a programme administered by the Department of Family Welfare.

(b) Regular consumption of large quantities of Vitamin-A (Pharmacological high doses) is known to produce toxicity. However, enrichment of food is done with Vitamin-A in quantities to ensure adequate daily requirements, usually 25.53% of requirement is added to foods.

(c) In view of 'b' above does not arise.

Posts lying vacant in various hospitals in Delhi

†3705. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of various categories lying vacant in the various hospitals in Delhi as on 31st July, 2001 and since when these posts are lying vacant;

(b) the details of action taken by Government, so far, to fill these vacant posts; and

(c) by when all the vacant posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Favour in Appointments by DG (Health)

3706. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN :

MISS MABEL REBELLO :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DG(Health) has favoured his people by appointing them in various posts in his Ministry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all the officials like DDGs have CBI cases pending against them; and

(c) the action Government are proposing to take against the DG?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No CBI case is pending against any Addl. D.G./D.G. of Directorate General of Health Services. However, CBI cases are pending against one former DDG and one OSD (formerly DCG(I), now under suspension).

(c) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Research in Ayurveda for curing modern diseases

3707. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme for research in Ayurveda for curing modern diseases like AIDS etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would promote researchers for providing cheap remedies to the people with no side-effects?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) and (b) Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha an autonomous organisation fully funded by the Government have initiated action for formulating drugs for preliminary trials.

(c) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha is engaged in research in drug development and clinical trials. Under Extra Mural Research Projects, this Department is also providing assistance to scientific organisations and laboratories to undertake research.

Popularisation of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani Systems of Medicine

3708. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government have adopted to popularize the Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani systems of medicine in the country;

(b) the number of colleges of each system opened, so far, in the country; and

(c) the amount spent on research and development to improve each system of medicine during the financial year 2001-2002, system-wise?